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Location: Roanoke, West Virginia

UTM Coordinates: Zone: 17 Easting: 543880 Northing: 4309030

U.S.G.S. Map: Roanoke, West Virginia, 7.5' (1966 edition, photo revised 1979)

Present Owner: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Present Use: vacant.

Construction Date: ca. 1920-1925.

For project information and bibliography, see ROANOKE HABS No. WV-209.

For other structures in the Roanoke area, see HABS No.s WV-209-A -S.

Historical Information:

The store reportedly was constructed by James H. Bosly (James Whelan 1981, pers. comm.), who owned the hotel property between 1920 and 1925.

The store is said to have been constructed with lumber shipped by rail to "Roanville" (see ROANOKE HABS No. WV-209) and marked with Bosly's name. Bosly apparently dealt primarily in cattle feed which he sold from the one room structure, but he is also remembered for buying local chickens and eggs which he in turn huckstered in the Oil Creek, West Virginia, area. Some of the chickens also were shipped via railroad to Baltimore, Maryland.

After Bosly went bankrupt, Charles or "Charlie" Hawkins, who reportedly had traded his former home in Shadybrook, West Virginia (near Weston) for the hotel property, sold feed, sugar, bread and other staples at the store. On many cold evenings, it was recalled, a crowd of men could be found around the store's pot-bellied Burnside stove "spinning yarns" and telling stories (James and Bonnie Hawkins Fultineer 1981, pers. comm.).

Hawkins, who was a disabled Baltimore and Ohio Railroad section gang employee, lived in Roanoke before he worked for the railway; he returned to the village, retiring to run the hotel and store. After Hawkins' death in the 1940s, Charles Malcolm, who had married Madeline Hawkins, a daughter of Charles Hawkins, operated the store during and immediately after World War II (Lawrence G. Smith 1981, pers. comm.). Later, the Hawkins heirs converted the store into a two room dwelling (James and Bonnie Hawkins Fultineer 1981, pers. comm.).

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The report from which this HABS documentation was prepared, along with field notes and over 90 hours of interview tapes, will be archived at the University of West Virginia, Morgantown, West Virginia.

ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION:

General Description: The Bosley Store is a one story, three bay rectangular frame (German cove siding) structure with a medium-pitch gable roof not dissimilar in appearance to rural store architecture described by Pulliam and Newton 1973.

Exterior Description :

Overall Dimensions: 16'4 1/2" x 30'5."

Foundation: This is composed of 1'6" high sandstone piers varying in size from 1'-1'4" wide and 7"-9" deep; five piers are placed along the southwest and northeast walls, while four piers are found along the northwest and southeast walls. The piers are covered with corrugated sheet metal skirting.

Framing: This is composed of light timber framing (2" x 4") stud walls on 2' centers.

Walls: The walls are composed of 7" German cove siding on the northwest elevation, 5 1/4" German cove siding on the front gable and remaining elevations; painted white with corner boards; wire nail construction.

Porch: A 4'4" wide x 13' long porch extends across the northwest elevation of the structure; the deck is raised above the ground 2'7" and consists of unpainted 6" rough sawn boards. It is supported on sandstone piers measuring 1' x 12" at each corner. Access to the porch is by three wooden steps (32" wide x 6 3/4" tread x 7" rise) plus a 7" riser. A shed roof covered by felt paper and supported by three white 2" x 2 1/2" columns spans the entire porch; a centrally located electrical ceiling fixture once provided light for the porch area.

Another porch measuring 4'1" wide x 8'4" long is free-standing and is raised 2'1 1/2" above the ground at the door in the southeast elevation ; there is an additional rise of 8" to the door. This porch deck is composed of boards and plywood, painted red; the deck is supported on 2" x 4" piers at each corner. No steps were extant in 1981.

Chimneys: The remnants of a flue pipe from a furnace located beneath the floor near the southwest wall in Room 1 can be seen along the southwest exterior foundation wall.

Roof: The roof is a medium-pitch gable variety covered with felt paper; eaves trim consists of boxed cornice; raking trim consists of boxed cornice with frieze board; a sheet metal gutter and downspout are found along the eaves on the southwest wall.

Interior Description: Room 1 (room numbers are keyed to floor plan on page 9)

Function: living room/bedroom. (NOTE: All noted functions are for the period after the conversion of the structure by the Hawkins family to use as a dwelling.)

Dimensions: 13'7" x 15'4"; 8'10 1/2" ceiling.

Wallcovering: 5" tongue and groove boards; covered by wallpaper then particle board paneling.

Floorcovering: 5" plain boards; painted medium brown covered by linoleum; central area covered by a rug.

Ceiling: 5" tongue and groove boards; covered by wallpaper then by 1' acoustical tile; 1 1/2" cove molding around edges of room.

Baseboard: 5" plain board; painted green.

Heating: 2'8 1/2" x 3' 1/2" grate in floor along southwest wall; furnace beneath floor.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: none.

TABLE

Tract 1518 (store) h Door Details

Position	Opening	Style	Hinge	Latch/Lock	Interior Surround Trim	Exterior Surround Trim	Threshold
Room 1 to Exterior	3' x 6'9"	modern hollow core (with two glass panes)	4" pin butt (modern)	mortise lock (modern)	2 3/8" clam mold	2" clam mold; quarter round	yes
Room 1 to Room 2	32" x 67"	passageway	—	—	2 1/2" plain boards	2 1/2" plain boards	no
Room 2 to Room 3	22" x 6'6 1/2"	1 panel (modern)	1 1/2" pin butt	2" x 2" rim lock; porcelain knobs	1" vinyl paneling trim	1" vinyl paneling trim	no
Room 2 to Room 3	2'2 1/4" x 6'8 1/2"	passageway	—	—	—	—	—
Room 2 to Closet	22" x 6'6 1/2"	1 panel (modern)	1 1/2" pin butt	2" x 2" rim lock; porcelain knobs	1" vinyl paneling trim	—	no
Room 2 to Exterior	2'8" x 6'7 1/2"	4 panel	2 3/4" pin butt	3 1/4" x 4 1/4" rim lock; porcelain knob	4 1/2" plain boards	4 1/2" plain boards; cornice	yes

TABLE 2  
Tract 1518 (store) Window Details

Position	Style	Opening	Size of Pane	Number of Panes	Type of Sill	Interior Surround Trim	Exterior Surround Trim
NORTHWEST WALL							
Left to right	double hung	32 3/4" x 77"	14" x 36"	2/2	lug	4 3/8" mold	4 3/8" mold
	double hung	32 3/4" x 77"	14" x 36"	2/2	lug	4 3/8" mold	4 3/8" mold
	rectangular ventilation opening near roof peak						
NORTHEAST WALL							
Left to right	single sash (swings to interior from top brackets)	31" x 16 1/2"	14" x 11 1/2"	1 by 1	slip	2" plain boards	3" plain boards
SOUTHEAST WALL							
	rectangular louvered ventilation near roof peak						
SOUTHWEST WALL							
Left to right	paired double hung	36" x 55"	12" x 32"	2/2	slip	2 1/4" ranch mold	2" ranch mold plus quarter round stop

Lighting and Electricity: central ceiling fixture; switch on southeast wall adjacent to door; duplex outlets on northeast, southeast and southwest walls.

Other: 10" x 10" x 12" sandstone chimney sections extend from ceiling to underside of roof (located 2'3" from southwest wall and 8' from northwest wall).

#### Interior Description: Room 2

Function: kitchen.

Dimensions: 9'10" x 15'5"; 8'10 1/2" ceiling.

Wallcovering: 5" tongue and groove boards; covered with wallpaper then particle board paneling on southwest and southeast walls; northwest and northeast walls covered by particle board paneling.

Floorcovering: 5" plain boards; painted medium brown covered by linoleum.

Ceiling: 5" tongue and groove boards; covered by wallpaper then 1' acoustical tile; cove molding around edges of room.

Baseboard: 5" plain board; painted green.

Heating: gas connection at southwest side of door in southeast elevation.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: sink and dishwasher connection on southwest wall.

Lighting and Electricity: central ceiling fixture; switch on northwest wall adjacent to door; duplex outlets on northwest and southwest walls.

Other: counter cabinet unit which includes a sink on the southwest wall; 2'6 1/2" x 6'2" closet at northwest end of northeast wall.

#### Interior Description: Room 3

Function: bathroom.

Dimensions: 5'7" x 8'10"; 6'10" ceiling.

Wallcovering: combination of particle board paneling and hardboard.

Floorcovering: 5" plain boards; covered by plywood sheathing then carpeting.

Ceiling: 1' white acoustical tile.

Baseboard: none.

Heating: none.

Fireplace: none.

Plumbing: shower on northeast wall opposite door; toilet and hot water heater on southwest wall; lavatory on northwest wall.

Lighting and Electricity: porcelain fixture with pullchain above lavatory.

#### Site:

General Setting and Orientation : The Bosley Store is southwest of Tract 1530 and faces northwest; it is ca 6'-7' back from West Virginia County Route 23/5 (the old Weston and Gauley Bridge Turnpike). At the rear (i.e., southeast and southwest) of the structure are (currently) vacant fields.

Historic Landscape Design: The only plantings around the building are a wisteria (*Wisteria* sp.) vine which covers the eastern portion of the porch on the northwest elevation. A box elder (*Acer negundo*) tree stands at the east corner of the structure behind a modern garage, and a maple (*Acer* sp.) tree is near the southeast corner of the building; the yard was overgrown with grass and weeds in 1981.

Outbuildings: A modern garage is present east of the structure.



The northwest elevation of the Hawkins store in 1981.



The northwest and northeast elevations of the Hawkins store in 1981. Note the corrugated sheet metal skirting that encloses the foundation piers.



The northeast and southeast elevations of the Hawkins store  
1981. Note the door in the southeast elevation.

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The southeast and southwest elevations of the Hawkins store  
1981. Note the paired double hung windows in the southwest elevation.

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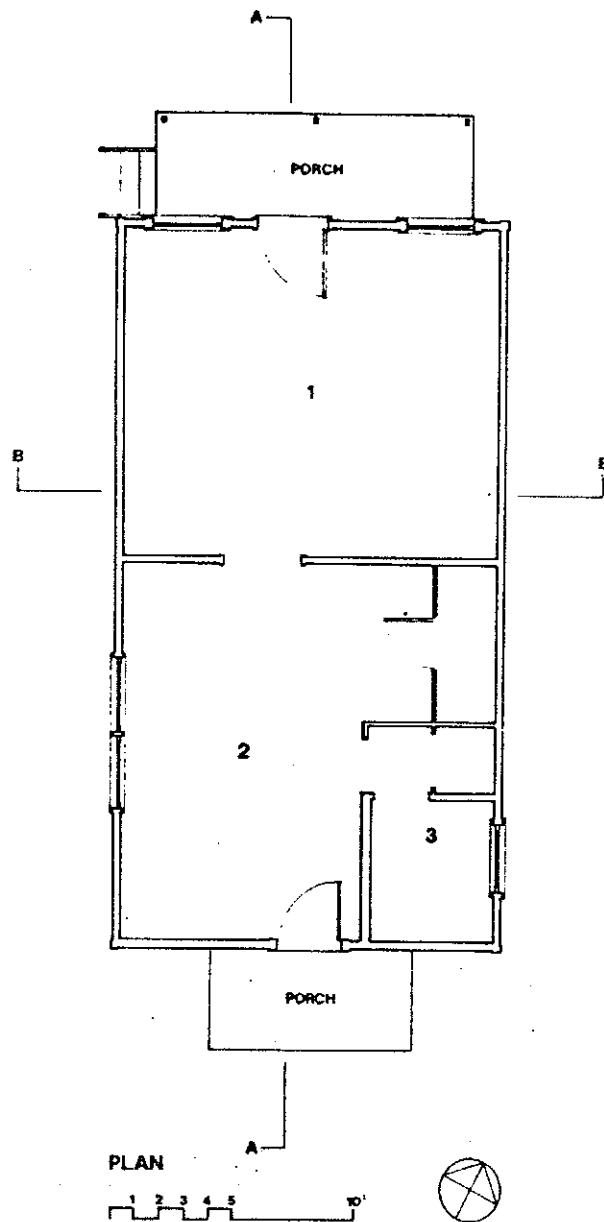




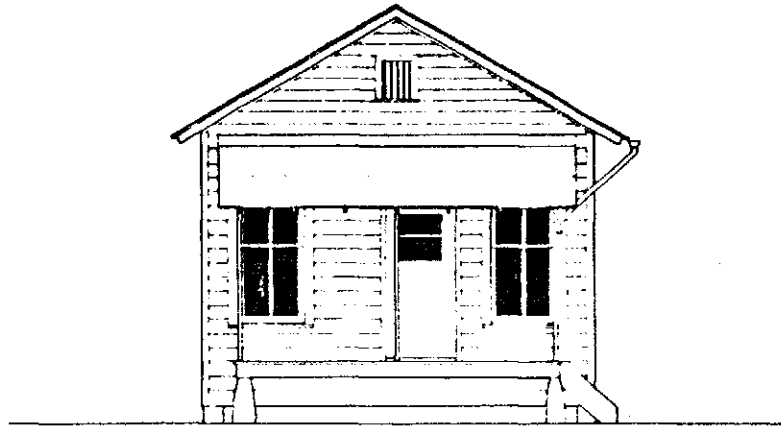
The southwest elevation of the Hawkins store in 1981.



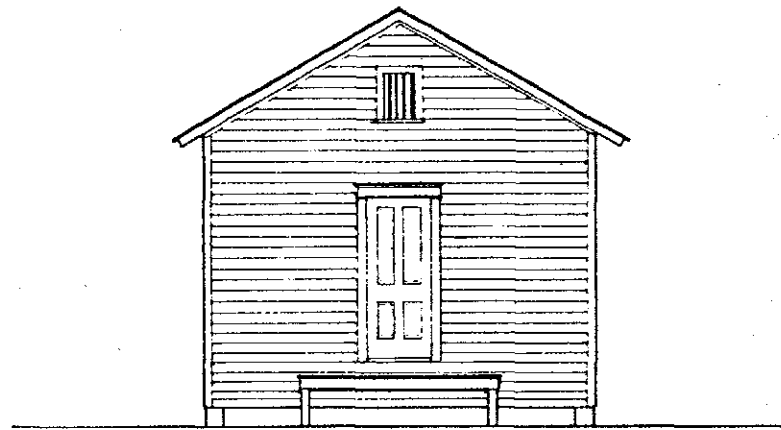
The southwest and northwest elevations of the Hawkins store in 1981.



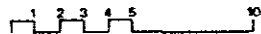
Floor plan of the Hawkins store



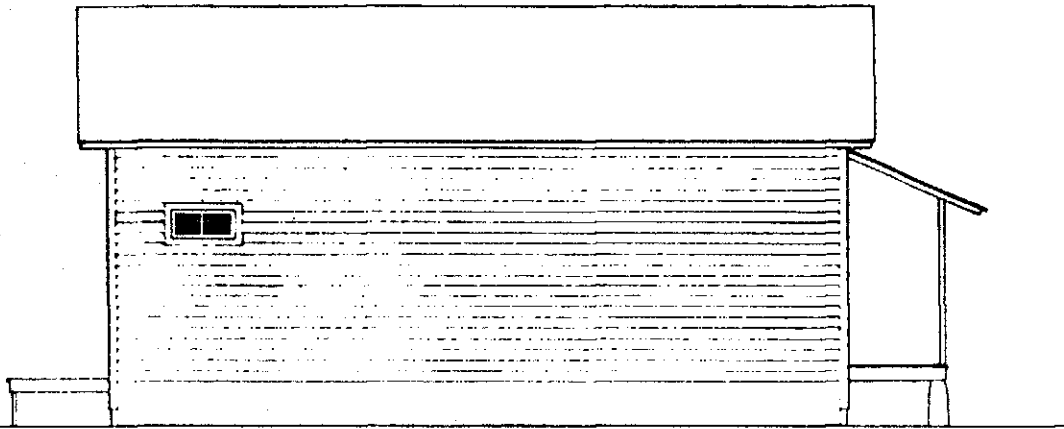
NORTHWEST ELEVATION



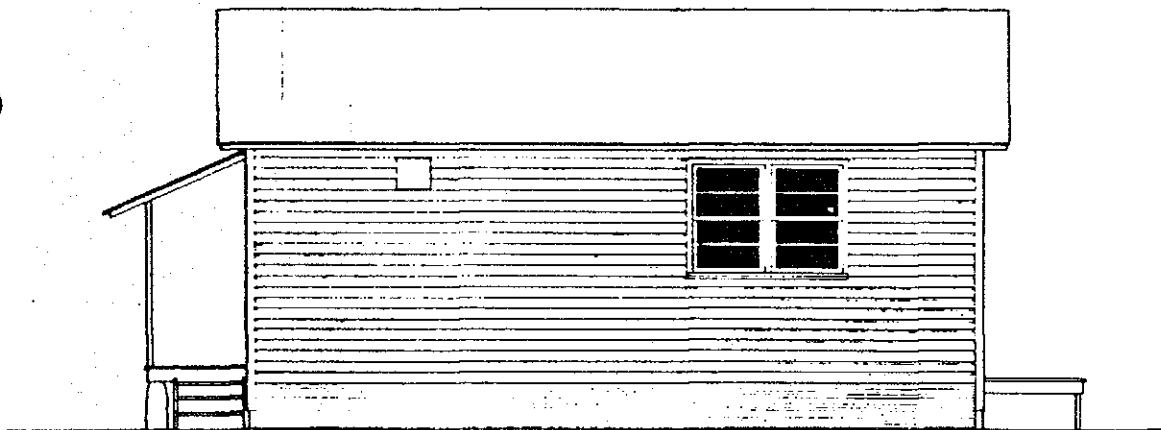
SOUTHEAST ELEVATION



Northwest and southeast elevations of the Hawkins store



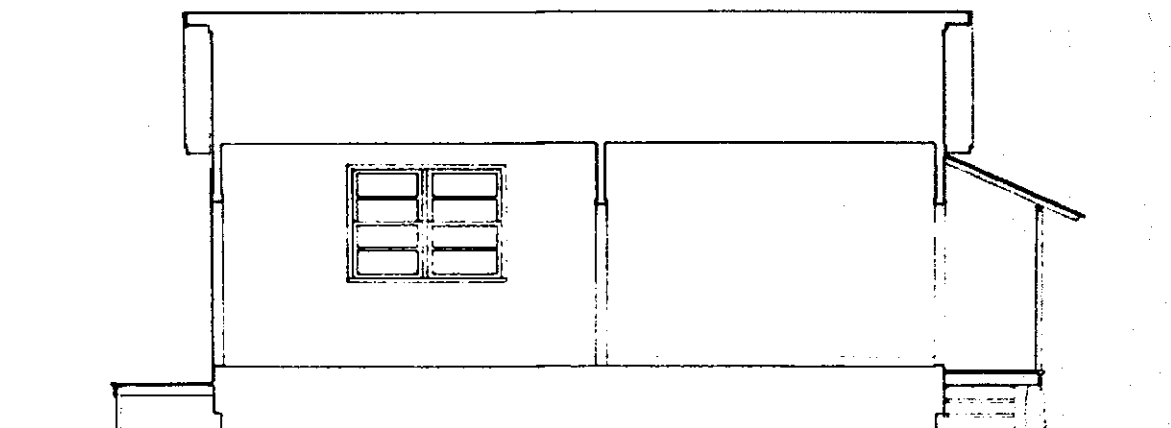
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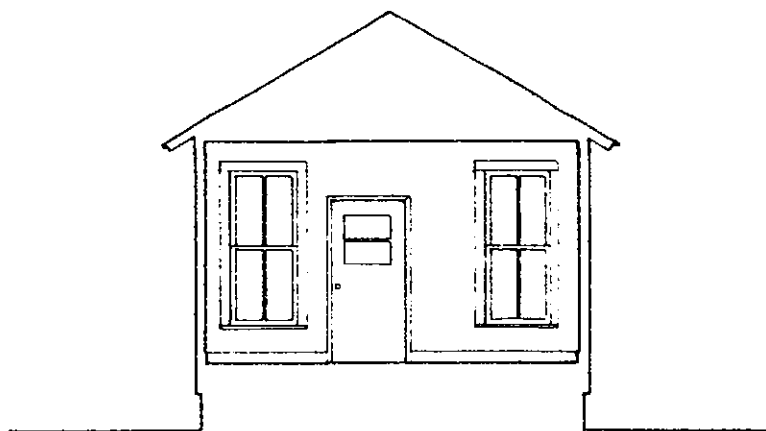
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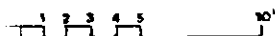
Southwest and northeast elevations of the Hawkins store



SECTION A-A



SECTION B-B



Longitudinal section (A-A) and transverse section (B-B) through the  
Hawkins store